

AMERICAN CAPTIVE OF MADRIZ

PITTMAN, WHO LAID ESTRADA'S MINES, IN DEADLY PERIL.

Nicaraguan Army Bitter Against Him
Washington Hears Court-Martial Rumor Warning Through Commander of Glimmer—Estrada Victory at Rama.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

REDFIELDS, by wireless to Colon, June 4.—Gen. Estrada, the insurgent leader, vindicated his claim to the chiefdom of the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua yesterday when his Field Marshal, Luis Mena, rushed to shroud the troops of President Estrada, who hoped to break through Rama for an attack on Bluefields. This afternoon Chavarria, the commander of Madriz at Rama, is a prisoner, while the remnants of his crack army are scurrying through swamps and bush in what appears to be a vain attempt to get back to Managua or make their way to join Lara's defeated army somewhere between here and Greytown.

Despite Estrada's success, a new element of intense anxiety to Americans developed to-day when it became known that Phil Pittman, the daring young Bostonian who mined the decoy outposts around Bluefields, had been captured by the soldiers of Madriz and carried away with them in their flight south. Estrada sent a band of picked men down the coast this afternoon in the hope of overtaking the rear of Madriz's flying column and recovering Pittman. Chances are slight for the success of this move, however.

It is the general belief that the only way to save Pittman will be by exchange of prisoners. Estrada, however, has plenty of these to stack against Madriz's prize of war.

The capture of Pittman did not become generally known in Bluefields until this afternoon. It is said that it was his sheer recklessness that resulted in his capture. He had exploded a mine under three or four hundred charging Madriz soldiers on the morning of May 27, following the attack General Lara and Gudoy directed against the Estrada trenches.

The charging Madriz troops were halted by death that broke out under their feet. Pittman, believing another charge would be directed after the enemy recovered courage, remained in his earth pit to operate switches connected with the mines. There was no further charge, but Lara sent a band of men around the hill from which Pittman was operating his electric switch and before Pittman realized his danger he had been captured and packed off to Lara's camp, where he was kept a prisoner through out the ten days fighting around Bluefields.

It has been denied by some persons here that Pittman was captured by Madriz, and the story of the manner of his capture has been disputed. It was said Pittman had gone to Rama to mine Estrada's outposts. However, it was generally accepted to-day that Pittman is in the hands of the enemy. In fact it is reported to-night that Gen. Estrada has opened negotiations to exchange Gen. Chavarria for him.

No statement was forthcoming from Gen. Lara, Madriz's personal representative to the Atlantic Coast, as to what would be done with Pittman other than the laconic answer that he "would be treated as a prisoner of war." Gossip here is generally as authentic as official statements, and the current rumor in Bluefields is that Madriz will be made to understand that if harm comes to Pittman the Madriz prisoners of war will meet with sudden and inexplicable death. Besides this it is understood that Consul Moffat has been authorized from Washington to convey a reiteration to Lara of the mandate that the State Department will hold Madriz personally responsible for any harm that Americans may sustain.

Madriz's soldiers were bitter against Pittman. The troops captured by Estrada told officials of the provisional government that Madriz's officers had threatened to cut the arteries of the American who laid the mines around Bluefields. Unless Lara and Gudoy can hold their men in check Pittman's chances for surviving the formalities of a court-martial are slight.

Pittman has been in Central America some time. He came here from Colon and offered his services to Estrada. He was accepted and a commission as Colonel in the Signal Corps was conferred on him. When it became known that Madriz intended to storm Bluefields Pittman laid the mines around the decoy fortifications. It was the explosion of the first mine that weakened Madriz's forces.

Gen. Mena and Chamorro, leaders for Estrada, accomplished the victory for his forces at Rama yesterday. They captured Chavarria and his staff, who were left unprotected by a guard when their disorganized troops fled in all directions.

Only four days ago Chavarria demanded Mena's surrender. It was refused. On Wednesday after Estrada had cleaned up the enemy about Bluefields Gen. Chamorro with 500 men was sent there. He and Mena demanded Chavarria's surrender. When this was refused both Estrada armies attacked Chavarria.

A four-hour fight, in which it is estimated 500 men fell, followed. Chavarria's troops were completely routed. The Madriz chief left his dead and wounded in the field. Late last night Mena's troops captured Gen. Chavarria himself.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Secretary of State Knox took prompt steps to-day to have William P. Pittman of Boston, who is reported to be awaiting trial by court-martial by the Madriz Government for laying mines during the recent battle near Bluefields, although no official confirmation of the report of his capture was received at the State Department. Orders were sent immediately to the American Consuls at Managua and Bluefields and to Commander W. W. Palmer of the gunboat Paducah, ordering them to investigate and make a prompt report.

The press despatches said that Pittman had been captured after a hot fight while engaged in operating the mechanism for exploding the mines which he had laid.

TO EXPAND RAILROAD SUIT

WICKERSHAM WANTS TO ENJOIN MORE RATES.

Same He Overlooked in the Hurry of Preparing His Papers, but He Thinks the Court Will Let Him Amend Them. A Statement From Taft Expected.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Developments to-day indicate that the Attorney-General instead of abating his efforts to restrain the twenty-five railroads composing the Western Trunk Line Committee from putting into effect their increased rates will soon ask the Court to broaden the scope of that injunction. The Attorney-General made it known to-day that it is his intention to move for the extension of the injunction over the rates of the Western Trunk Line Committee, which escaped his notice when he began his hurried proceeding against the railroads in the Federal court at Hannibal, Mo. This action will be taken by the Attorney-General, according to present plans, when argument is held before the Court with a view to making the temporary injunction permanent.

The Attorney-General will argue, so it is said, that complaints that the increased rates were to be put into effect as the result of a conspiracy in restraint of trade were received by the Government only at the eleventh hour and that the Department of Justice was forced to act without full information on the subject.

Complaints were received to-day from places in Minnesota and other parts of the country that increased rates which were supposed to have been within the public view of the injunction had become operative and were now being collected by the carriers.

A number of such cases were directed to the attention of Mr. Wickersham by Representative Miller of Minnesota. Mr. Miller told the Attorney-General that complaints had been made by shippers in and around Duluth that the recent injunction did not apply to railroads in that region, although such carriers were supposed to have been defendants in the suit to enjoin.

Attorney-General Wickersham told callers to-day who urged him to take further action that while there were some differences among lawyers as to the practice he was convinced that a motion to amend the bill of the Government so as to enjoin all increases, even though many increases were not specified in the original bill, would be entertained by the courts. The papers in the proceedings to enjoin were prepared hurriedly. The complainants filed incomplete information with the Government, with the result that many schedules involving important rates were not covered by the application. Attorney-General Wickersham expressed confidence that the blunder could be repaired when a hearing is held on motion of the Government to make the injunction permanent.

According to advice received here, Western shippers who are now paying increased rates, when they had expected relief through the medium of the injunction, are very anxious.

The tariffs filed by the Western Trunk Line Committee which escaped the Wickersham dragnet make advances in the rates on certain commodities between Chicago and Milwaukee and between Chicago and St. Paul, and on coal between the latter city and Eastern destinations. While these tariffs are not so important as those making general advances in commodity rates, they are of considerable concern to many shippers. The increase in the rate on wood from St. Paul eastward amounts approximately to 10 cents a hundred pounds. This increase applies to all Western wood passing through St. Paul and Minneapolis destined for the Atlantic seaboard.

The Attorney-General has received no formal complaint as yet in regard to the increases filed by the Eastern trunk lines or by the railroads of Ohio and Indiana.

It is likely that the Attorney-General will participate in the conference at the White House on Monday between President Taft and a number of railroad presidents. It was learned to-day that President Ripley of the Santa Fe arranged the meeting with the President. It would not surprise many here if Mr. Taft after the meeting would issue a statement defining the position of the Government in this matter.

It is reported here on good authority that the railroads have not got all their freight increases in yet. Up to this time the roads have filed increases on building materials, chemicals, lumber, coal, petroleum and its products and other similar commodities. It is understood that the intention of the railroad managers has been to file schedules of increases on foodstuffs about July 1, to become operative on August 1.

As an argument against any campaign on the part of the Government against rate increases through trunk line committees and associations, railroad men here are pointing to the attitude that the Interstate Commerce Commission has assumed for years toward this matter. These railroads argue that the commission not only has accepted schedules of tariffs from the agents of the trunk line associations, but has encouraged the filing of the tariffs through a single individual and not by each railroad separately. Members of the commission admitted that this was true, as the filing of a single schedule for twenty-five or more roads by a single individual greatly facilitated the work of the commission and at the same time decreased the expense for the railroads.

Members of the commission contended, however, that this encouragement in the matter of a single individual filing rates for a group of roads in no way committed the commission to the proposition of actual rate making by committees or associations. Of course the members of the commission have known for years that it has practically been impossible for the railroads to make their rates in any other way.

The members of the commission have had complaints of violations of the Sherman anti-trust act before them in most of the cases that have been raised on the ground of unreasonable rates, but the commission has taken the

Page Pell and Mamma Daly.
Mrs. Mary Hutton Pell Daly, who married Charles Noel Daly in April, and her former husband, Alexander Mercer Pell, have asked Supreme Court Justice Blanchard to decide their claims to the companionship of their eight-year-old son. When Mrs. Daly divorced Pell the custody of the boy was given to her, but Pell now seeks to have the decree amended so as to permit him to have the boy at least once a week. Mrs. Daly opposes the application on the ground that she has had to support her son and he is now in school in Canada. If her husband gets permission to have the boy once a week she will have to take him out of school, she says.

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GALLERY GOD YELLED "FIGHT"

Warfield's Audience Thought It "Fire" and Stampeded—Six Women Fainted.

The audience which filled every seat in the Grand Opera House on Eighth avenue yesterday afternoon had reached the intensest part of the play. Helene had come back to the home of Anton Von Barwig, David Warfield's music master, and was entreating the gray haired gentleman to say he was her father. The eager silence throughout the theatre was broken by a yell from the top gallery. Whoever yelled said "Fight!" The absorbed folks in the orchestra and balcony thought it was "Fire!"

Every one jumped up at once and rushed for the doors. In a minute every aisle was so jammed that movement was impossible.

David Warfield tried to shout something reassuring, but no one beyond the front row heard him. Fireman William Luse of Engine 19, detailed to the theatre for the day, fought his way up a side aisle and to the stage. His efficient voice drowned all other noises.

"He yelled 'fight,' not 'fire,'" shouted Luse. "Keep your heads. Sit down. There's no fire. Sit down."

The fireman's foghorn proclamation halted the audience. Lawrence Audbolt, the theatre's press agent, who had tried to get the orchestra to play something soothing but who had found the orchestra gone to the cellar for a smoke, now joined the fireman in releasing winged words. House Manager Swift and his employees at the back of the room successfully dammed the tide and after a while the audience sat down.

Six women were found to have fainted. They were laid in the lobby and three physicians were sent for, who brought them to. The play was resumed.

Meanwhile William E. Purcell of 330 West Twenty-seventh street was waiting outside the theatre. After the performance he pitched into Michael Kenny, a ticket taker in the top gallery. Both men were arrested and taken to the old West Twentieth street police station. These Purcell asserted that some time ago Kenny had struck Purcell's crippled leg. Purcell had entered the theatre while the final act of "The Music Master" was being played and had tackled Kenny. It was the sight of this engagement that had led some gallery god to bellow "Fight!"

CLOSE CALL FOR DALZELL

Pittsburg Congressman May Have Been Defeated in Yesterday's Primaries.

PITTSBURG, June 4.—Congressman John Dalzell had the fight of his life this afternoon and evening to retain his seat in Congress, and it will require an official count to ascertain whether he has defeated Dr. R. J. Black for the Republican nomination. Of fifteen East End districts reported at 10 P. M. Dalzell had 1,008 votes, against 99 for Dr. Black.

This is Dalzell's stronghold and he will have to carry a much larger majority up to the borough outside the city to defeat Black. Nothing has been reported from McKeesport, Braddock, Turtle Creek or Wilmerding, where the labring element supported Black's candidacy.

Reports from a few scattering districts in the borough indicate that Black and Dalzell are running even, which would indicate that Dalzell will run behind Wilkinsburg, which is peopled by business men, will give Dalzell a majority, but it is a question whether it will be large enough to overcome the vote in the larger boroughs of Braddock and McKeesport.

The workmen of the Edgar Thomson steel works and the army of employees of the Westinghouse interests reside in Dalzell's district, and while the corporations did everything it could to discourage Black's candidacy it is reported that their efforts failed. This was especially true in McKeesport, where the 15,000 employees of the National Tube Works reside.

In the legislative fight in which Senator George T. Oliver and ex-Senate Senator William Flynn have been carrying on an acrimonious campaign for the delegation Oliver's candidates have run ahead of Flynn's men. I. B. Cook, candidate in the First district, is the only man saved to Flynn. The poll at the primaries was the largest since personal registration has been in vogue in the cities in this State.

Congressman W. H. Graham has been defeated for nomination by W. H. Porter FRANKLIN, Pa., June 4.—Returns received up to midnight indicate that Nelson P. Wheeler, the present Congressman, has defeated Joseph C. Sibley, a former Congressman, for the Republican Congressional nomination in the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania district by a majority of 500.

IN THE COILS OF A ROA

Attendant at an Animal Show Released by Hacking the Muscles of the Serpent.

ALBANY, June 4.—Fast in the coils of a monster boa constrictor which was slowly crushing his legs and body, John W. McCarthy, an attendant in an animal show exhibiting on Broadway, had an experience early this morning that he will not soon forget. But for the alertness of Bert Christian and two other men McCarthy would have been crushed to death.

It was shortly after 8 o'clock when McCarthy started to clean the large pit in which the boa was confined. He had been warned by the manager not to attempt to enter the pit under any circumstances, but to use long handled brushes. McCarthy, however, neglected to obey orders, being in a hurry, he said, and he leaped into the pit. Without warning the snake snapped at him, and his fangs caught in the sleeve of his left arm, tearing away the cloth and scratching the flesh badly. McCarthy attempted to jump aside, but was not quick enough to avoid the serpent, which quickly wound itself around him several times.

McCarthy was thrown to the bottom of the pit, where he struggled desperately to free himself. His danger was realized by Christian, who heard his cries, and with others he leaped into the pit, one man armed with a cleaver and others with knives. Christian quickly hacked the muscles of the boa until the serpent relaxed its hold, allowing McCarthy's body to be drawn from the pit. He was faint and dripping with perspiration.

The snake, which was then killed, was about twenty-eight feet long and twenty-six inches in circumference. The manager said it was valued at \$2,500.

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HORTICULTURAL BLACKLIST.

Society's Gardeners at Newport Post Those Who Won't Give Them a Raise.

NEWPORT, R. I., June 4.—The high cost of living has made itself apparent to the assistant gardeners employed upon the estates of the summer residents here and they have asked for an increase in their wage scale. On a majority of the estates the increase of \$5 a month asked for was granted.

Early in the week the assistant gardeners union announced that the increase had not been granted as yet by Mrs. Robert Golet, Edward J. Berwind, Mrs. T. O. Richardson, R. T. Wilson and Col. John Jacob Astor.

Since then the union has added the names of Mrs. Vanderbilt, Mrs. J. P. Kernochan and Perry Belmont to the list. To-day the head gardener at the Breakers, the Vanderbilt estate, advertised for five assistants at the old wage scale, \$50 a month.

LONGWORTH OUT OF THE RACE.

Writes That He Will Not Be a Candidate for Governor of Ohio.

CINCINNATI, June 4.—In a letter made public to-day to Wes Cripple, his business agent in Cincinnati, Congressman Nick Longworth says that he is not a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor and that under no circumstances would he accept the nomination if it were tendered him by the Republican State convention at Columbus next month.

"I prefer to remain in Congress, and under no circumstances would I consent to go into the gubernatorial race. You will kindly deny to my friends that I am in the race in any way," says Mr. Longworth. It is expected that he will be in Cincinnati shortly after July 1. Later he will go East for the summer.

WARRANT OUT FOR A BRIDE.

Richmond, Va., Wants Mrs. Hamill, Who Sailed for Europe Yesterday.

RICHMOND, June 4.—A warrant was issued here to-day for "Miss Page Aylett Royall," whose marriage to Barker Kurgumere Hamill of Trenton, N. J., here Thursday night was one of the most notable weddings known here in many years. The document as made out requires the presence of "Miss Page Aylett Royall" before Justice Crutchfield to answer the charge of operating an automobile without the proper lights.

At the moment the police clerk was making out the warrant a steamship bound for Europe was leaving New York bearing Mr. and Mrs. Hamill. The policeman who made the complaint didn't read the society columns of the papers and knew nothing about the marriage.

O. HENRY VERY ILL.

Operated On at the Polyclinic and Not Expected to Recover.

O. Henry, the writer of short stories, whose real name is Sydney Porter, is critically ill in the Polyclinic Hospital in East Thirty-fourth street. His physician, Dr. Charles Russell Hancock, said last night that there was small hope of his recovery. He went to the hospital on Friday afternoon and an operation was performed that night. His wife was notified and is now on her way from southern California.

WIGWAG PICKPOCKET SYSTEM.

Detectives Say Mrs. Robinson Signalled Her Husband When to Steal.

Harry Robinson of 1532 Second avenue and a young woman who said she was his wife were in the Tombs court yesterday charged with jostling passengers in the subway trains between Fourteenth and Ninety-sixth streets on Friday evening.

Detectives Cray and Savage, who had the pair under observation for half an hour, told Magistrate Corrigan that there was a code of signals by means of which the woman told her companion when to work. Cray said that when he seized Robinson at Ninety-sixth street Robinson passed to the woman a roll of bills which she dropped on the platform. The money amounted to \$28.

Mrs. Robinson was released in \$1,000 bonds pending an examination and her husband was sent to the Tombs in default of that amount.

JONES BROS. CO. FAILS.

Largest Department Store in Kansas City in Hands of Receivers.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 4.—The Jones Bros. Dry Goods Company, the largest department store in Kansas City, covering a block of ground and owning a large mail order house, went into the hands of receivers appointed by the Federal courts this morning. Backward spring trade is given as the cause. The receivership is a friendly proceeding.

The creditors are mostly banks. The assets are worth more than \$2,000,000 and the liabilities are placed close to \$1,600,000. The store will continue just as it is.

BALZAC IS LITERATURE.

St. Paul Judge Must Pay and Save Suits—erther Reads Up for Books.

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 4.—In his judicial capacity Judge Hanft of the civil branch of the Municipal Court read Balzac's "Droll Stories" this week to fortify himself with correct information for a decision. To-day the Judge pronounced those stories literature and not liable to exclusion from the mails as violation of section 4,864, revised laws of Minnesota, 1905.

The plaintiff in the action was a Cincinnati firm that deals in subscription literature, the defendant A. F. Osterland of St. Paul, the amount involved \$85, the price Osterland had contracted to pay for a complete set of Balzac, thirty-six volumes. Osterland had refused to pay, saying that he found the books to be unfit for his family book shelves and a violation of the law referred to. He admitted, however, that he knew before he ordered the Balzac set that the stories were not exactly "Sunday reading."

The Judge holds that the stories are bad if a man wants to look at them in that way, but he also decided that they are literature and they should not be excluded from the mails and thus kept from those high minded persons who want to read them for the literature there is in them.

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TO DISSOLVE SUGAR TRUST

GOVERNMENT TO BEGIN A NEW SUIT AGAINST IT.

Has Been Gathering Evidence for Six Months to Show That It Is Monopolizing the Trade of the Country in Sugar in Violation of the Sherman Law.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—The Department of Justice has decided to begin a suit against the American Sugar Refining Company for its dissolution as a combination in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. It was learned to-day that the Government has been gathering evidence on this phase of the sugar trust's affairs for almost six months and that it is about ready now to move.

With the Standard Oil and tobacco trust cases pending before the Supreme Court the proceedings against the sugar trust will be the third great suit of this character that Attorney-General Wickersham will have on his hands. It was expected that the Attorney-General would wait for a final decision in the Standard